

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Cain	
Application No.: 09/457209	Group Art Unit: 2431
Filed: 12/08/1999	
Title: System, Device, and Method for Sending Keep-Alive Messages in a Communication Network	Examiner: Zia
Attorney Docket No.: 120-025	
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Please enter this response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2009.